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SCDMV customers should be aware that emails or text messages from any entity claiming to be the SCDMV, or its equivalent, that ask recipients to verify their driver's license information to keep their record up-to-date or to pay a fine or fee by clicking on a link are fraudulent.

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You can now renew your South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) [beginner's permit \(/Driver-Services/Drivers-License/Beginner-Permits\)](/Driver-Services/Drivers-License/Beginner-Permits) or [identification card \(/Driver-Services/Identification-Cards\)](/Driver-Services/Identification-Cards) at [SCDMVOnline.com \(/\)](https://SCDMVOnline.com). The new transactions are available for eligible South Carolinians and is another way citizens can complete their SCDMV business from the comfort of home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"These transactions utilize documents the agency already has on file," said SCDMV Executive Director Kevin Shwedo. "We are constantly looking at ways to save people a trip to an SCDMV branch and additional online transactions accomplish that while allowing the agency to continue social distancing."

When you click on the green button to renew your [beginner's permit \(/Driver-Services/Drivers-License/Beginner-Permits\)](/Driver-Services/Drivers-License/Beginner-Permits) or [ID \(/Driver-Services/Identification-Cards\)](/Driver-Services/Identification-Cards), you will be prompted to login with your beginner's permit or ID card number, social security number, and date of birth to proceed with the transaction. The social security number and name associated with the number must match.

If a customer's identification card or beginner's permit is expired by more than nine months, he or she must visit an SCDMV branch to renew. In the case of a beginner's permit, if it's expired by more than nine months, the customer must take the knowledge test again. A knowledge test costs \$2, and a beginner's permit costs \$2.50. Customers must make appointments for this transaction.

If there are any active suspensions associated with the beginner's permit, it is not eligible to renew online.

Also, to renew an ID card online, customers must be within the renewal eligibility period which is defined as not more than 12 months from the date of expiration on the card.

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